

To the attorney David Remes

Greetings,

I am writing this letter right after my return from the hospital to Camp 6. I am now in a special cell block for the hunger strikers who are being force-fed using tubes. In fact the situation is unbelievable in the way they treat us. First, the allowed personal items are very few and many basic items are not allowed. Can you imagine yourself without a tooth brush and paste? You are allowed to brush your teeth once a day only when it is time to go the Rec. area. The Rec. area schedule changes every day. We might get our chance to go out after midnight which is our sleep time. We are not allowed to go out between 8 a.m. and 3 or 4 p.m. because of our "rioting." I always talk to the guards and tell them that even in the worst times in 2002 when Bush was in control, we had our tooth brushes and paste. But now, in 2013, during the reign of a president who was awarded the Noble Prize (for Peace), we are not allowed these things. Add to that, a tiny mattress, an isomat, of 2 centimeters thickness where sleeping on it makes you feel more tired especially that our bodies are skinnier now with no fat layers but only bones protruding out. Why don't they give us real mattresses? We ask them, why are we being punished? Is it because of the hunger strike? Their answer is no; you have the right to go on strike. Then we ask why you don't give us basic things; they have no answer.

Now-a-days, we refuse to go out for morning force feeding. They bring the IRF teams, covering their faces with masks, and take us by force to the torture chairs where they tie us up, weigh us and then feed us by force. We do this refusal just to show that we are protesting the harsh living conditions and the bad medical care. In our block, there are around 21 detainees, of which 18 detainees refuse to go on their own to the feeding place. For the evening feeding session, we do not refuse. Five of us in the block are sick and cannot go. In Camp 5, there are hunger strikers but we don't know how they are doing. As I mentioned, I refuse to go on my own to the morning feeding session.

Ramadan is approaching and we don't know how the situation would be. Would the treatment improve and would they treat us as human beings?

We are still on hunger strike. The tube the soldiers use is of size 10.

We would appreciate your continuous contact with news and information. Thank you.

Your client

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